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DIANA FUENTES-MICHEL ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS California Student Aid Commission Partners with Travis Credit Union

Sacramento, CA - (2012) - Diana Fuentes-Michel, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission, will address more than 400 Yolo and Solano County teens representing 11 high schools, in the ARC Building Ballroom at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Students will be encouraged to apply for Cal Grants, scholarships, alumni contributions and other available aid. The event is themed "We Believe in You." Ms. Fuentes-Michel, a former Cal Grant B recipient, will share ways to help students achieve the dream of a college education. Students from Davis, Dixon, Woodland, Winters, Vallejo and Brooks will attend the rally. Fuentes-Michel will discuss the Cal Grant program and the California Dream Act financial aid application. Now is the time for high school seniors to begin taking steps to apply for their Fall 2013 financial aid awards.

In the 2011-12 academic year, the Cal Grant program delivered \$1.516 billion in financial aid to over 350,000 California students. "Many young people believe going to college is impossible," says Fuentes-Michel. "It is the mission of the California Student Aid Commission to help make access to higher education possible for students. Now, students can connect with us on social media platforms such as Twitter @CAstudentaid and on YouTube; or, 'Like' us on Facebook."

This is the seventh year Travis Credit Union has partnered with the California Student Aid Commission to bring underserved students to a university campus with the goal of making financial aid more accessible. According to Travis Credit Union President and CEO Pasty Van Ouwerkerk, "Travis Credit Union is sponsoring this event as part of its long-standing commitment to education." Cal Grants are available to all California students who meet eligibility criteria and who want to pursue education beyond high school, whether at a public college or university, private nonprofit or for-profit institution, or vocational or technical training school.

The California Student Aid Commission is the State's principal agency responsible for administering financial aid programs for students and providing financial aid policy analysis and leadership in partnership with California's colleges, universities, financial institutions, and financial aid associations.

The media is encouraged to attend. For questions, or for more information, please contact Ed Emerson at (916) 464-8271.

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